

REMARKS

A Power of Attorney is enclosed herein.

The specification has been amended to correct minor grammatical errors.

Claims 1-3 have been cancelled and new claims 4-9 have been added in their place.

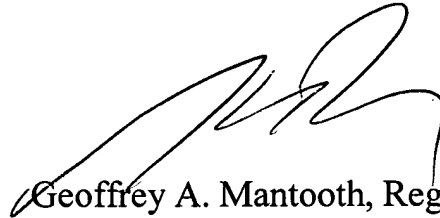
If the Examiner restricts the apparatus and method claims, applicant elects, with traverse, the apparatus claims, in order to advance prosecution.

In the office action mailed February 24, 2004, the Examiner cited Kemp '337. Kemp teaches the removal of oil from an ammonia refrigeration system. However, the solenoid valve 37 is not opened or closed according to the level of oil or ammonia in the tank 29. Instead, the valve is opened at the beginning of each compressor ON operation, in what amounts to a timing control. This is different from applicant's invention.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims in the application are allowable, and such allowance is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions, please telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Mantooth', with a stylized, flowing script.

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